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Remarks

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

Claims 26-33 and 41 are pending in the application.

Claims 26,27 and 41 are allowed.

Claims 28-33 stand rejected.

The gracious allowance of Claims 26,27 and 41 is noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 28-32 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lowrey '931.

Independent Claim 28 has been amended to further recite the limitations contained in dependent Claim 41. The newly amended independent Claim 28 is therefore equivalent to Claim 41 being rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 28, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 28 is therefore respectfully requested of the

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Examiner.

Claims 29 and 30 have been canceled, the dependency of Claim 31 and 33 has been changed to the newly amended independent Claim 28 and therefore are likewise allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lowrey.

Claim 33 has been amended to change its dependency from Claim 30 to Claim 28. Since Claim 28 is now allowable, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 33 is similarly allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 33 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 28 and 31-33 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 26 and 27 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is

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respectfully invited to call the Applicants representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

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